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News Release

ICE SPECIAL AGENT AWARDED BRONZE STAR FOR SERVICE IN AFGHANISTAN

RENO – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent Shane Dunn has received the Bronze Star for his military service with the Georgia Air National Guard in Afghanistan. Special Agent Dunn was presented with the award at a ceremony December 5, 2004, at the Nevada Air National Guard base in Reno, Nevada.

Special Agent Dunn, who currently conducts financial investigations in Reno, was recognized for his actions while serving as an U.S. Air Force Tactical Air Controller assigned to the U.S. Army Special Forces.

While traveling with members of a Special Forces A Team, Special Agent Dunn's convoy came under attack. Special Agent Dunn jumped out of his vehicle and returned fire. While Special Forces personnel engaged the enemy, Special Agent Dunn called in air strikes on the enemy positions.

In addition to those actions, Special Agent Dunn was also recognized for helping chase down and capture an enemy soldier. During the pursuit, Shane sprinted nearly a mile, despite being weighed down by 100 pounds of equipment.

Agent Shane Dunn (center) receives Bronze Star from Major General Giles E. Vanderhoof, Adjutant General of Nevada (left), and Colonel Jonathan Proehl, Commander, 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada Air National Guard (right).

Special Agent Dunn was called to active duty in October 2001, less than four months after taking a position with former INS investigations in Reno. Prior to that, he served as a Border Patrol agent in south Texas.

Since returning to the U.S. in late 2002, Agent Dunn's supervisors say he continues to demonstrate the same "can do" attitude he did while on duty in Afghanistan.

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"Special Agent Dunn is not intimated by new challenges or assignments," said Reno Resident Agent-in-Charge John Colledge. "He always gives 110 percent and relishes the chance to expand his professional horizons."

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